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YÛZD OR UNYÛZD STAMPS.

Ær ár meni kolekturz ov posteĵ stamps hû wil not hav in ær kolekçunz eni hwic hav bin yûzd, konsideriĵ æ kan-selêçunz a disfigurment tu ær apírans. Tu æz hû hav unlimited mînz, æis plan iz wel enuf, for æ kan obtén æem in sets from fê kuntri, and hwen prop-urli mounted, æ wil mék a veri fain apírans.

Tu æz hû hav adopted æis meurð, wí wud speçali rekomenð our timbrof-ilets, as æ prizerv æ gum intakt, and if nesesari æ kan bî çenjd tu anæur album wiçout injuri, hwail æz hwic ár furmli pèsted in kanot bî transfurð wiçout sókiĵ, hwic flatnz ðl embost stamps or envelops. Æ gumd slips wí hav sîn yûzd in Yûrup at æ top ov æ stamps, ár fæur tú lûs tu hólð æem in plês, or els adhír só furmli az tu rikwair hot wøtur tu get æem of.

In mékiĵ a kolekçun ov unyûzd stamps, unles veri grêt kèr iz tékn æ wil not apír az wel az yûzd wunz. ðl wí hav sîn had inkomplît sets, hwic æ but litl detriment tu a kanseld kolekçun, çó veri plênli in wun ov unyûzd stamps. Unles æ stamps ár prizervð wiç æ grêtest kèr wiç æi orijinal gum az æ wer obténd from æ póst ofis, æ ejez ár laiabl tu bikum soild, and æ slaitest fingur márks giv æ hól a woçt apírans.

Anæur objekçun iz æ grêt ekspens ov a ríali fain kólekçun ov perfekt stamps, numberiĵ az æ dú upwardz ov 3000 varaiitiz, hwic wud rikwair at list from \$2000 to \$3000; æat ov Mr. Filbrik, ov Ingland, wí prizâm tu bî wurð about \$5000, hwail in a kanseld kolekçun perfekçun iz not ekspek-ted, fvn a smðl numbur luks wel, and wun ov 3000 stamps kuð bî með up for about \$1000.

Æ grêtest disapointment ov ðl tu æz hû hav put nû stamps in ær kol-ekçunz, for æ lást tú or æri yîrz, iz æ numbur ov stamps hwic hav bin ríprinted, or ov hwic æ surplus stok haz bin sólð tu ðflurz for a nominal prais. Æ hai praisez hwic ár pèð for nû stamps wil ðlwez bî a grêt indûs-ment tu Póst ofis ðæoritiz tu ríalaiz a profit in æis wé; but tu æz hû hav pèð from tú tu faiv taimz ær fês valyu for orijinalz, it iz ekstrímli vekséçus tu sí æ sém stamps ofurð in unlimited kwontitiz at les çan kost.

Ær ár but fû hû wud purçes ríprints or surplus stok, if æ wur awèr ov ær karakter, but ðflurz jenurali hav ma-teriáli injurð æ biznez, bai seliĵ æz ov ðstria, ðstrian Itali, A'rjentain Konféd., Bavéria, Bergedorf, Bremen, Britiç Gaiana, Korientiz, Frenc Rípub-lik, Hamburg, Hanóvur, Hólstain, Itali, Lûbek, Meklenburg, Móðna, Néplz, Nétal, Párma, Pórtúgal, Prûça, Ríân-yun, Rómagna, Spén, Saksuni, Çleswig, Çleswig Hólstain, Sisili, Swíðn, Tus-kani, Yûrugwé, Yunaited Stéts, Wur-temburg, etc. tu kolektorz on ær supo-ziçun æat æ wur orijinal stamps pur-çest at æ póst ofis.

Wí hav ourselvs bôt and sólð æiz stamps tu a lárj ekstent, and hav not ðlwez eksplénd ær karakter, but çal ende vur in fæur tu kól æem bai ær rait némz az far az wí kan asurtén, hwic is sumtaimz raçur ðifikult, and æ ðifurens in ríprints konsistiĵ ðnli in æ kwoliti ov æ pépur, and slait çéd ov kulur, rikwairz kèrful kompar-isun wiç æi orijinalz.

Æz hû kolekt yûzd stamps prinsi-pali, if propur kèr iz tékn tu sílekt gud spesimenz, wil wí æiĵk ðiraiv grétur satisfakçun; oloó æ tendensi ov komun stamps iz tu bikum çípur, raritiz ár konstantli advansiĵ

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The most important event in the coin trade for some time is the sale of the collection of the late Gov. Packer of Penna., which is to be a five days sale at Bangs Merwin & Co., commencing Feb. 27th. 1871. This is a very valuable collection of coins, especially in the American series, and has, kept Mr. Cogan, who will still continue the coin trade at 95 William st., busily employed for over a month. Those who want catalogues should apply to him at once.

A coin sale from Mason & Co., of Philadelphia mostly of American pieces, will be held at Leavitt Streigh & Co's., Feb. 16th. & 17th. 1871.

Our customers may apply to us for catalogues.

We give this month a price list of the letters of Presidents and Cabinet officers for sale by Mr. Collins, which we think will meet the wants of many collectors, and will be a useful guide to any who have autograph letters, both for rarity and value. Our next No. will contain Authors, Poets, and remainder of the Cabinets, and succeeding Nos. will comprise the remaining letters of importance in his collection.

We purchased a few days since, a silver coin with the inscription, "Massachusetts & California Co. Five D. 1849"; on the obverse is a shield containing a horseman with lasso, supported by a bear and reindeer, "Alta" in scroll surrounded by 13 stars. This coin is frequently found in alloy, and brings at auction from \$3 to \$5. Any one who knows of another in silver will greatly oblige us with the information.

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We have a large stock of Foreign revenue stamps, also of the various private firms of the U. S. To those who collect them we would recommend packet "Q." One of the most interesting of these stamps is that of the Orono Match Co., Orono, Maine, appropriately bearing a pine tree for its central device. Another is that of the Eureka Parlor Match Co., of Wilmington, Delaware, having an arm grasping a lighted torch.

We are obliged to abridge our coin department this month, but the results of the Fewsmith sale will occupy a good share of our next No. We have quite a variety of Curiosities, such as Indian axes, Continental bills, minerals &c. which we will notice in due time.

We are happy to state that notwithstanding the general depression of trade this winter, our subscription list is rapidly increasing. We have now about 200, and at the rate they are coming in shall probably double our list by the end of the year. We learn from new subscribers that they have difficulty in obtaining our address, those who receive our paper finding that most of our stamps can be sold at a profit, are not willing to part with the information. We hope that most of our patrons will not be so selfish, and we promise to reward our friends with lower prices.

We have received some compliments which are very encouraging. One correspondent writes: "Your stamps always give satisfaction, they are such good specimens."

Even our first page we hear from those who have taken a little trouble to read it, is found quite interesting, and as phonetics, or spelling by sound, is now very generally taught in the schools, no study could be more beneficial, besides this, a page contains about one third more reading. We do not pretend to have brought the science to perfection, last month we had the critics down on us for misspelling connoisseur, which is pronounced konosûr in English and konosûr by the French.

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